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1. In Baden (049/337), Lower Austria, the Soviets have completed the construction of a new communications center located in the Duergerschule at Theaterplatz and Pfarrgasse. The number of antennae, and the number and size of the phone cables and telegraph wires indicate that the building is probably the phone, teletype and radio communications center for the whole Soviet zone. Eight antenna groups are visible, probably mostly for short wave. The building is completely isolated, with permanent guards in the front and rear. No Austrians are allowed inside. Soviet signal personnel have installed electrical equipment.
2. Since 20 September 1951, no Austrians are permitted to reside in Soviet installations in the Baden area. In the Helenental section of Baden, the owners have been evicted from their apartments in the Sacher Hotel which houses approximately 1500 Soviet infantry trainees. Five additional flats have been requisitioned in Baden-Helenental for Soviet infantry lieutenants who recently arrived from Hungary or the USSR and are assigned to the Sacher Hotel training station.

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